

NOTICE OF INTENT
Department of Natural Resources
Office of Conservation

Records (LAC 43:XIX.107)

The Department of Natural Resources, Office of Conservation proposes to amend LAC 43:XIX.107.B, requiring that electrical logs, when run, of all test wells, or wells drilled in search of oil, gas, sulphur and other minerals, shall be submitted electronically. In an effort to reduce the costs of handling and maintaining these records, further align office requirements for data submittal with the standard practices now common in the ordinary business practices of the regulated community while simultaneously maintaining compliance with La. R.S. 44:1(B), and improving public access to this data, the Office of Conservation announces that it intends to promulgate revised rules for LAC 43:XIX.107.B. The intent of this rule amendment is to minimize the cost of compliance, and agency costs to handle and store this data through the use of available technology, and to provide more efficient public access to the electric well log data via the SONRIS system.

Title 43

NATURAL RESOURCES

Part XIX. Office of Conservation—General Operations

Subpart 1. Statewide Order No. 29-B

Chapter 1. General Provisions

§107. Records

A. ...

B. Electrical logs, when run, of all test wells, or wells drilled in search of oil, gas, sulphur and other minerals, shall be submitted in an electronic format to the Office of Conservation. The electronic format shall be legible and in a format acceptable to the Commissioner of Conservation, and at a minimum be at least 200 dots per inch (dpi) resolution .tiff format image in color or black and white. All logs must be submitted within 10 days after completion of the well. These logs shall be filed on the following scales:

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AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 30:4 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Adopted by the Department of Conservation (August 1943), amended (August 1958).

Family Impact Statement

In accordance with RS 49:972, the following statements are submitted after consideration of the impact of the proposed Rule amendments at LAC 43:XIX.107 on family as defined therein.

1. The proposed Rule amendment will have no effect on the stability of the family.
2. The proposed Rule amendment will have no effect on the authority and rights of parents regarding the education and supervision of their children.
3. The proposed Rule amendment will have no effect on the functioning of the family.

4. The proposed Rule amendment will have no effect on family earnings and family budget.
5. The proposed Rule amendment will have no effect on the behavior and personal responsibility of children.
6. Family or local government are not required to perform any function contained in the proposed Rule amendment.

Small Business Statement

In accordance with R.S. 49:965.6, the Department of Natural Resources, Office of Conservation has determined that these amendments will have no estimated effect on small businesses.

Poverty Statement

In accordance with R.S. 49:973, the following statements are submitted after consideration of the impact of the proposed Rule amendments at LAC 43:XIX.107 on poverty as defined therein.

1. The proposed Rule amendment will have no effect on household income, assets, and financial security.
2. The proposed Rule amendment will have no effect on early childhood development and preschool through postsecondary education development.
3. The proposed Rule amendment will have no effect on employment and workforce development.
4. The proposed Rule amendment will have no effect on taxes and tax credits.
5. The proposed Rule amendment will have no effect on child and dependent care, housing, health care, nutrition, transportation, and utilities assistance.

Public Comments

All interested parties will be afforded the opportunity to submit data, views, or arguments, orally or in writing at the public hearing in accordance with R.S. 49:953. Written comments will be accepted until 4:30 p.m., August 5, 2013, at Office of Conservation, P.O. Box 94275, Baton Rouge, LA, 70804-9275; or Office of Conservation, Executive Division, 617 North Third St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802. All inquiries should be directed to Mr. Tyler Gray, an attorney with the Office of Conservation, at the above addresses or by phone to (225) 342-5570 referencing Docket No. 13-342. No preamble was prepared.

Public Hearing

The commissioner of conservation will conduct a public hearing at 3 p.m., July 29, 2013, in the LaBelle Room located on the first floor of the LaSalle Building, 617 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA.

James H. Welsh

Commissioner

**FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT
FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES**

**RULE TITLE: General Operations, Statewide Order
No. 29-B (LAC 43:XIX.118) Hydraulic Fracture
Stimulation Operations**

**I. ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COSTS (SAVINGS) TO
STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (Summary)**

There are no estimated implementation costs or savings to the state or local governmental units as a result of the

proposed rule change. The proposed amendment requires electrical logs of all test wells or wells drilled in search of oil, gas, sulphur and other minerals to be submitted in an electronic format to the Office of Conservation. The current rule requires the electrical logs to be mailed to the district office. The proposed rule change also prescribes the format (at least 200 dots per inch resolution.tiff) to be used when submitting the electrical logs.

II. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

There is no anticipated effect on revenue collections of state or local government units as a result of this rule change.

III. ESTIMATED COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS OR NONGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)

Implementation of the proposed rules may result in a minimal savings since well owners will no longer be required to mail electrical logs to the district office.

IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

There is no estimated effect on competition and employment as a result of this rule change.

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